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1. THE DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE BROAD FORMULATION  
OF THE SUGGESTED FRG PARENTHICAL INSERT TO US PROPOSED  
TEXT OF PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (REFTEL (A) PREMATURELY  
RAISES PHASE II ISSUED WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. MOREOVER, FRG

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AND OTHER ALLIES WOULD PROBABLY USE AND APPLY BROAD

INTERPRETATION TO THIS FORMULATION WHETHER IT WERE CONTAINED IN GUIDANCE OR SUPPLEMENT, IN RESPONDING TO PREDICTABLE QUESTIONS FROM THE EAST AS TO WESTERN EUROPEAN ROLE IN OPTION III. THIS WILL LEAD TO PREMATURE DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST OF THE CONTENT OF PHASE II. THIS IN TURN WOULD MAKE PHASING EVEN LESS ATTRACTIVE TO THE EAST AND DIMINISH THE NEGOTIATING IMPACT OF OPTION III QUITE UNNECESSARILY BECAUSE THE FRG INTEREST CAN BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED IN OTHER WAYS.

2. THE ULTIMATE ISSUE HERE, AS WELL AS WITH THE UK EFFORT TO NUMERICALLY SPECIFY THE COMMON CEILING, IS NOT MERELY THAT THESE MOVES COULD PRECIPITATE PREMATURE DISCUSSION REPEAT DISCUSSION OF PHASE II ISSUES WITH THE EAST. THEY WOULD IN OUR VIEW HARDEN EAST OPPOSITION TO PHASING AND COULD WELL CREATE A SITUATION WHERE THE ONLY MBFR AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE EAST WOULD BE ONE WITH FULL PARTICIPATION BY THE WESTERN EUROPEANS FROM THE OUTSET. WE DO NOT THINK FRG OFFICIALS WANT THIS OUTCOME AND MIGHT NOT BEAR DOWN WITH SUCH A HEAVY HAND ON THIS ISSUE IF THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR POSITION WERE MORE CLEAR TO THEM.

3. WE THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THE US URGE DELETION OF THE LANGUAGE. ALTERNATIVELY, THE US COULD PROPOSE TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE WORDING QUOTE AND THAT THE ALLIED POSITION ON PHASING REMAINS UNCHANGED UNQUOTE IN PLACE OF THE PROPOSED FRG PARENTHETICAL INSERT.

4. WE APPRECIATE FRG SENSITIVITY TO THE ISSUE OF FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE POINT CAN BE MADE IN BONN THAT THIS GERMAN CONCERN HAS BEEN ADEQUATLY COVERED BY US AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE THIRD TICK IN THE FRG PROPOSED TEXT OF PARA 3 (BIS) OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER (REFTELS B AND C).

5. IN THE INTEREST OF HELPING CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III IN VIENNA, WE AGREE WITH USNATO (REFTEL D) THAT THE FRG SHOULD NOW BE PRESSED TO INTRODUCE IN THE SPC THE BILATERALLY AGREED LANGUAGE IN PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND PARA 3(BIS) OF THE DRAFT POSITION

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